New CNG Stations in Delhi

2987. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some new CNG Stations in Delhi during the year, 2001-02;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;

(c) by when these CNG stations arc likely to be set up in the capital; and

(d) the steps taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) By March 2002 stations would be set up at the following locations:

- Mother Stations at Kalkaji, East Vinod Nagar, Brar Square, Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar and Rohini.
- On-line Station at G.T. Karnal Road (Near Sabzi Mandi)
- Daughter Booster Station at Sham Nath Marg

(d) The steps taken so far *inter-alia* include the following:

- Matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities for approval etc. wherever necessary
- Compressors have been ordered for installation at these stations.

Losses due to Adulteration in Petrol

2988. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adulteration of petrol with naphtha and other solvents is resulting in loss running into crores of rupees to the oil industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for this

malpractice is that the commission allowed by the oil industry to the dealers in India is said to be lowest in the World; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) There is a possibility of adulteration of petrol with naphtha and other solvents for pecuniary gains. It is very difficult to asses the extent of such adulteration.

(b) The easy miscibility and price differential between petrol and naphtha and other solvents are the main reasons for adulteration of petrol. The commission for dealers is revised from time to time. Govt, have recently revised the dealers' commission in November, 2001.

(c) The Oil Marketing Companies have a system of periodic/ surprise check of retail outlets to check adulteration of petrol and diesel. Apart from this, the Anti Adulteration Cell set up in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas also carries out checking of retail outlefs. Action is taken under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and /or Dealership. Agreement against retail outlet dealers who are found to be indulged in malpractices.

Losses Suffered in ONGC Fire

2989. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for causing fire to ONGC, oil well near Vagra in Gujarat;

(b) whether ONGC has ultra modern equipment for extinguishing such fire, if so, the numebr of days it took to extinguishing the fire; and

(c) whether it is a fact that unsocial persons in concerned with ONGC employees, while commuting oil, caused this fire; the number of persons burned and died due to this fire, and the quantum of loss suffered by Government/ONGC?